

A lush green forest scene with sunlight filtering through the trees. The image is used as a background for a title slide. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area in the center of the image.

# Tree Protection Bylaw Survey Results

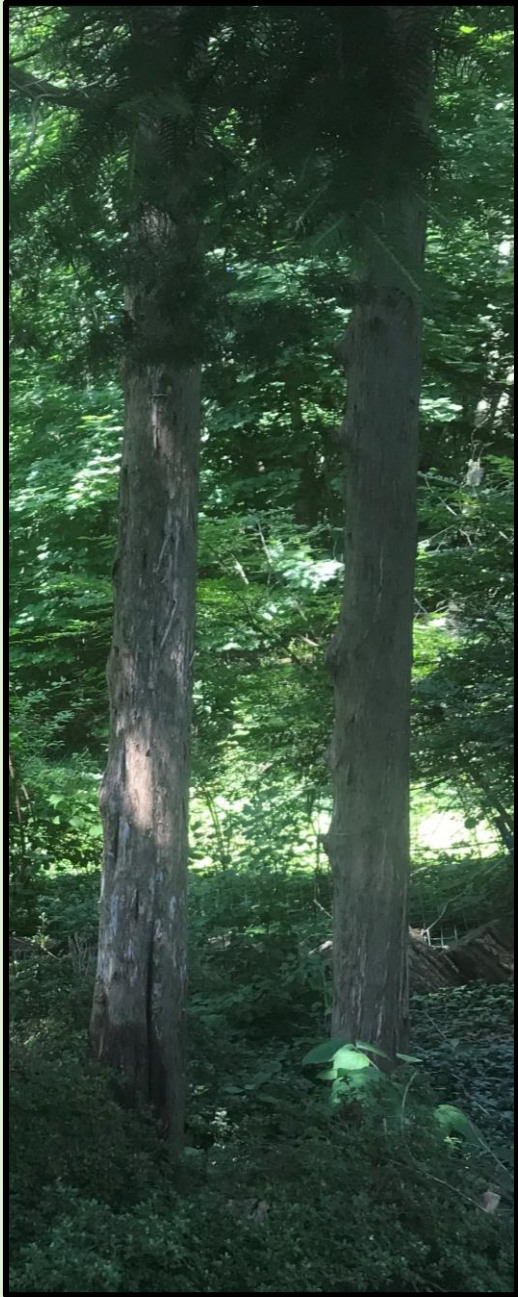
Planning Board 1/5/22 Select Board 1/11/22



# Background and Motivations

- Clearing in new construction
- Weston Ahead
- Need for standards





# Survey

- 10/1/21 to 11/1/21
- General Concern with Tree Removals
- General Support for Regulation
- Support for levels of regulation
- Importance of various tree benefits
- General comments/concerns

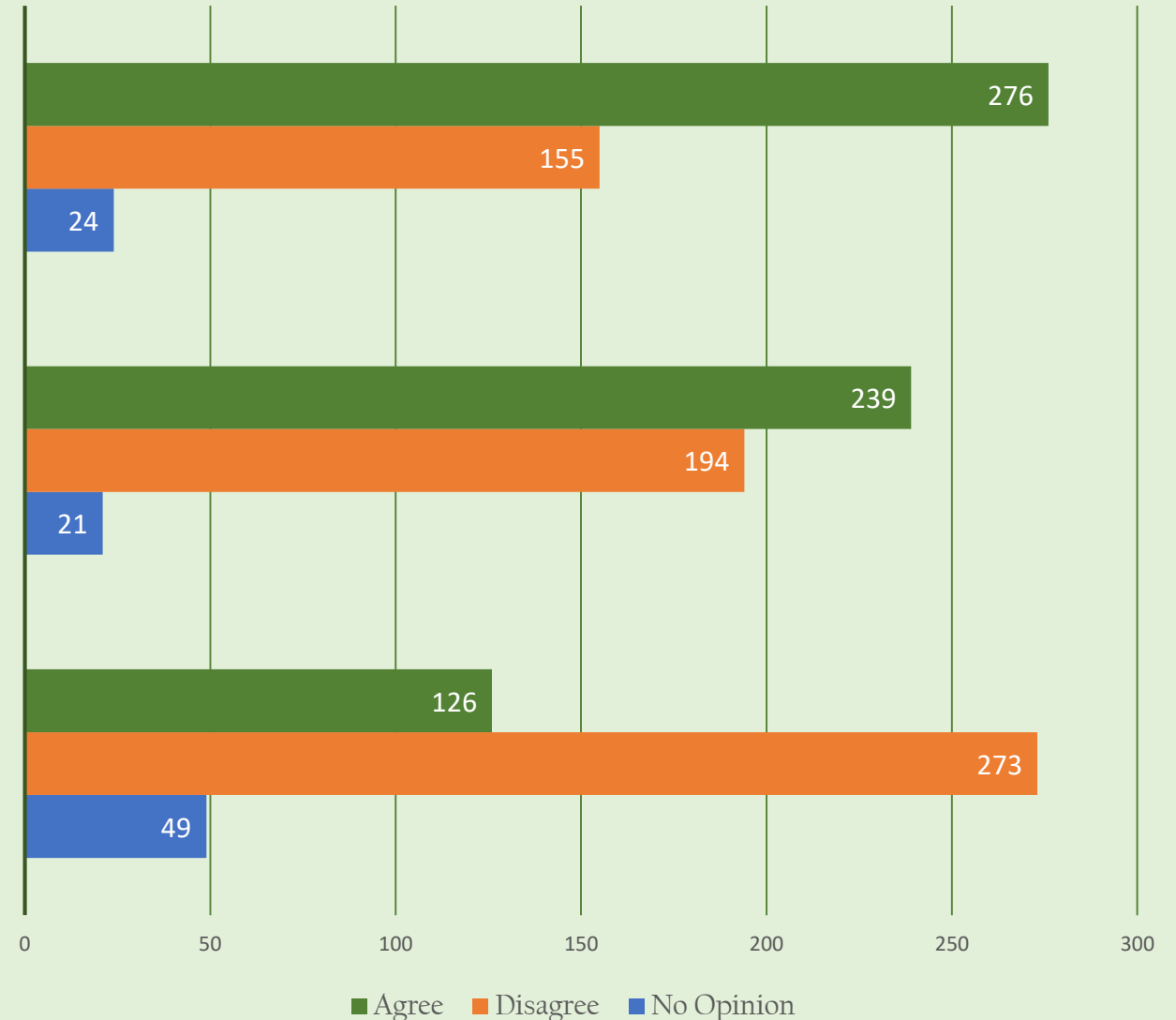


# Findings – Levels of Regulation

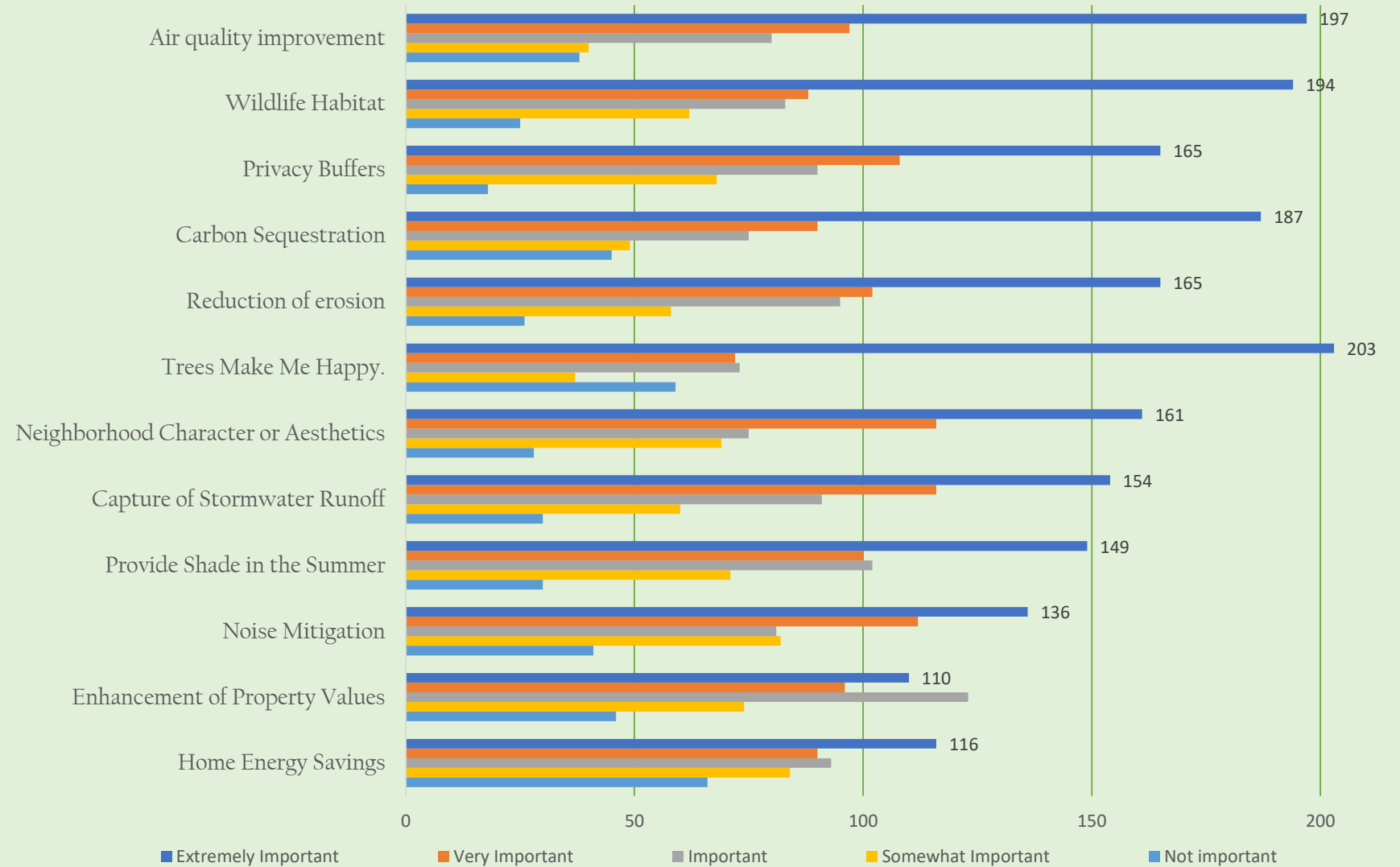
Weston should regulate tree removal in all new construction.

Owners should have to get permission before cutting down mature, healthy trees in the zoning setback areas around their property.

Owners should have to get permission to remove any mature, healthy trees anywhere on their property.



# Findings – Tree Benefits



# Findings – Comments

226	Total Comments
102	Supportive of some level of regulation in their general tone
60	Mentioned distress about clearing a residential property of trees and/or new construction
109	Against Regulations
76	Responses that were against regulations mentioned private property as the reason for opposition.

- ❖ Other concerns brought up were loss of town character and history and ecosystem services.
- ❖ Other comments advised education on the importance of trees, maintaining electrical service, exceptions for hazard trees and exceptions for invasive trees.

